

News Release

Performance of Mixed Blood Theatre's "Minnecanos" Comes to Kiehle Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7 p.m.

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The lives of a Hispanic family in Minnesota are the basis of "Minnecanos," a story to be told in a performance by the Mixed Blood Theatre at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The Minneapolis-based theater company will be on stage in Kiehle Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs on the Crookston campus, has free admission and everyone is welcome to attend.



"Minnecanos," a term created to describe Minnesotans of Mexican descent, is also the name given by Mexican immigrants to the topping knife, the tool used to harvest and clean sugar beets. The performance is the story of an old man awakening his great-granddaughter's interest in their shared Chicano history in a touching and invigorating renewal of family and culture.

The play's author, Joe Minjares, turns his personal experiences growing up on Minneapolis' north side into the 45-minute performance that also addresses major milestones in Hispanic history. For almost a decade, "Minnecanos" has been performed throughout the upper Midwest.



The mission of Mixed Blood Theatre promotes cultural pluralism and individual equality through artistic excellence, using theater to address artificial barriers that keep people from succeeding in American society. To learn more, visit www.mixedblood.com.

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